

Winchester Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, August 27, 2012
6:30pm

Meeting Location: Lord Fairfax Room

Present: Krista Farris (Chair), Jules Bacha, Brian Wigley, Kyle Homan and Matt Mintschenko

Absent: John Elliott (Vice-Chair), Catherine Mattens, John Bentley

City Staff: Brad Veach (Director), Lisa Hamaker (Assistant Director), Dale Iman (City Manager)

Council: Milt McInturff

Media: Vic Bradshaw (Winchester Star)

Guests: Tommy Dyke, President of the Shenandoah Valley Mustang Club

Krista Farris called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

Approval of July 2012 Minutes

Upon a motion by Kyle Homan and a second by Brian Wigley the July 23, 2012 minutes were approved.

Public Comments: None

Chairman's Report: Krista Farris

Shenandoah Valley Mustang Car Club Pavilion Proposal

Brad Veach; Park Director, Milt McInturff; Council Liaison and the Park Advisory Board members discussed the Shenandoah Valley Mustang Car Club proposal from the July meeting involving the expansion of the existing Mustang Club shelter in Jim Barnett Park.

Brad Veach consulted with Tim Youmans; City Planning Director, on parking and accessibility. They reviewed a triangle area within 50' of the shelter to reclaim as a parking area.

The recommendation from Park staff was accessibility would have to be part of the planning for ADA compliance and a parking area installed based upon the occupancy load of the shelter to avoid dangerous situations.

Jules Bacha asked how large the parking lot needed to be and Veach replied it was based upon the occupancy load of the shelter if it were to be rented.

Brian Wigley asked Tommy Dyke; President of the Shenandoah Valley Mustang Club, if the current size shelter was inadequate for club meetings and Dyke replied yes, due to the members doing more at the shelter.

Milt McInturff asked if the club could come back to the Park Advisory Board with the idea they want a larger footprint and ADA accessibility with no parking and Veach replied that Mr. Youmans will review any type of site plan presented to him.

Recommendation: Kyle Homan made a motion to expand the footprint of the shelter in a non-threatening way without a parking lot and use a design based upon what already exists in the Park. The motion was seconded by Jules Bacha and approved.

Director's Report: Brad Veach

Skate Pavilion Update and Site Endorsement

Two public meetings have been held and both received good participation. The topics of discussion were design, location, the goals of the Ad-Hoc Committee and type of equipment desired by the skate community.

Some advantages to using the existing Christianson Familyland pavilion and shuffleboard court structures are minimal preparation, restrooms are nearby, the site is highly visible, location is desirable, it offers year round skating, the project would be less expensive due to existing infrastructure and the area allows adequate space to grow.

Park staff is asking the Park Advisory Board to move forward with the project and provide a space now for skating while fundraising is taking place.

Motion: Brian Wigley made a motion to commit to the project, move forward and to open space now for skating. The motion was seconded by Matt Mintschenko and approved.

Parks and Recreation Fee Presentation

Brad Veach presented an overview of the process for determining proposed Park fees that was created from the Park Advisory Board Fee Committee.

The Park Advisory Board will discuss the information provided at their September monthly meeting.

Korean War Veterans Memorial Update

City Council approved Park land for the Memorial. The Korean War Veterans are moving forward with their project and have set a groundbreaking date for Feb 2013. Waterlines will be installed by the end of October along with a water fountain.

Advisory Board Meeting Dates:

Advisory Board Meeting: Monday, September 24, 2012 @ 6:30pm

(The Park Master Plan discussion will begin with the Sept. meeting)

Board Comments: None

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss Krista Farris asked for a motion to adjourn; Matt Mintschenko made the motion; seconded by Kyle Homan, all approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted; Jennifer Stotler; Park Administration Coordinator, September 17, 2012.